

CONTRACTOR SAYS POSTOFFICE JOB OPENS THIS WEEK

Work on the extension and remodeling of the Medford federal building will begin Wednesday or Thursday, it was stated yesterday by C. H. Post, superintendent in charge of the job for the L. H. Hoffman company of Portland, contractor.

Mr. Post conferred here yesterday with James L. Murphy, construction engineer of the federal works agency who will supervise the work for the government, on the plans and specifications.

It was feared for a time that a delay in the delivery of needed structural steel would hold up the work for perhaps a month but Mr. Post said yesterday that his company had been assured the steel would be delivered on time.

The work is to be done in three units, first of which is the extension or addition. The next two units are the remodeling of the present structure. It is calculated that the entire job will take about a year.

As the addition is to be erected in the area north or in the back of the present building, provision must be made immediately for the loading and unloading of mail and this will be done by making a door out of a window at the east end, Mr. Post explained. A loading platform will be built for handling the incoming and outgoing mail at the Holly street side of the postoffice.

A chute will be built to the basement and carriers will do their work in the basement instead of on the main floor as now. A dust-proof partition is to be built on the inside of the entire north wall so that construction of the addition will not interfere with the normal functioning of the federal agencies housed in the building, Mr. Post related.

The first unit will interfere in no way with the ordinary use of the building by employees or the public, Mr. Post said. Virtually all the space around the building, however, will be occupied by the contractor with work houses, materials and equipment, he said.

Magician John Eads Entertains Teachers

Medford Grade School Teachers' association met in the Jackson school last Monday, Washington school, in charge of the program, presented John Eads, Medford's well known young magician. Mr. Tucker's hat and good nature proved a valuable aid to the artist in performing many clever tricks.

Meeting closed with a social hour and refreshments in charge of the Jackson teachers.

Submarines Sighted

Rio De Janeiro, Oct. 28.—(AP)—The Brazilian liner Santarem, bound for Brazil, reported today she had encountered off the Canary islands three German submarines, which came to the surface nearby to ascertain her nationality.

MAIL BOX TRICKS COME UNDER LAW

Asserting that while he had not lost his zest for youth and the pranks of youth, Postmaster Frank DeSouza nevertheless yesterday issued a warning that it is a federal offense willfully to damage or destroy rural mail boxes on Halloween as well as at any other time.

"Far be it from me to curtail the fun of youngsters on Halloween but there is the federal law and the law must be enforced," Mr. DeSouza declared. All cases of willful damage or destruction must be reported to C. E. Paine, inspector in charge of this district, at Seattle, who then must send out an agent to investigate and to procure if possible the names of the alleged culprits as the first steps in prosecuting any case, the postmaster said.

Rural box holders were requested to report any violation as soon as possible and to give information on the offenders if possible.

KIWANIS CALL OFF MONDAY LUNCH

Regular Monday noon luncheon meeting of the Medford Kiwanis club has been called off, it was announced yesterday, with the organization slated to meet on Thursday night in the Hotel Medford, at which time Jay Emerson of Spokane, Wash., district governor of the Pacific northwest Kiwanis, will be present.

The Thursday night banquet-meeting will start at 7 o'clock. All members are urged to be present.

THEFT OF HORSE WARRANT ISSUED

Charged in a warrant issued here with larceny of a horse, Merrill N. Bliss, 21, was arrested by state police Friday in Azalea, Josephine county, and was returned to the Jackson county jail to await his hearing in justice of the peace court here probably tomorrow.

Police said the horse was recovered.

Scot Mine Blast

Dumfriesline, Scotland, Oct. 28.—(AP)—Thirty-four were killed and 20 injured in an explosion in the Valleyfield colliery near here, it was announced officially today.

Western Front Quiet

Paris, Oct. 28.—(AP)—The French high command issued the following communique at 9:28 a. m. (12:38 a. m., P.S.T.) today: A quiet night on the entire front.

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WOMEN URGED TO JOIN RED CROSS SEWING SESSION

Committee members of the Red Cross war relief production organization yesterday made an appeal for additional women of Medford to turn out for sewing sessions held each Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 to 12 a. m. and from 1 to 5 p. m. in the Red Cross office located in the county courthouse.

It was reported yesterday that women living in outlying county districts are responding more readily for the sewing and cutting meetings for the purpose of making war refugee garments than the women residing in Medford.

A great deal of successful work is now being carried on in the following districts: Eagle Point, Trail, Ashland, Table Rock, Jacksonville and Oak Grove.

A group of 40 Medford women have joined the knitting meetings and it is now desired that others respond to the sewing sessions. It was also pointed out by committee members that those wishing to participate in the sewing need not be expert at the craft as there are numerous small jobs to be done.

Obituary

Dr. David M. Brower
Dr. David M. Brower, 81, charter member of the Oregon Medical society, died Friday at Ashland. He had been a physician for 51 years. He formerly practiced at Roseburg and Myrtle Creek, coming to Ashland in 1893.

Burrell W. Miller
Burrell Willis Miller, a native son of Jackson county, passed away early Saturday morning at a local hospital. He was a resident of Applegate, Ore.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Clara Miller of Applegate; one daughter, Mrs. Elsie Hash of Denver, Colo.; two brothers, John Miller of Medford, and Walter Miller of Applegate, and one granddaughter, Mrs. Gaylord Bradford of Medford.

Funeral services will be conducted from the Perl funeral home Wednesday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. Rev. D. E. Millard officiating. Interment will take place in the Griffin creek cemetery. Friends are respectfully invited to attend the funeral services. A complete obituary will be published later.

Attend Townsend Dance, Townsend Hall, every Wednesday evening. Good floor, good music, good time. Well conducted.

LOCAL and PERSONAL

From Talent—John McGrew of Talent transacted business in Medford Friday.

From Butte Falls—Lester Bradshaw of Butte Falls transacted business here yesterday.

From Ashland—Floyd Perry and D. R. Booth of Ashland transacted business here yesterday.

To Portland—Gilbert Stuart and son Richard are spending several days in Portland and other northern Oregon cities. Mr. Stuart is transacting business for the local construction firm of R. L. Stuart & Sons while in the north.

Brief Visitor—Dr. Ruth M. Shallcross, director of research for the National Federation of Business and Professional Women's clubs, of New York City, was a brief visitor here Friday. She was en route from Seattle to Los Angeles by United Mainliner.

Attend Meeting—Persons from Medford attending the semi-annual meeting of the Southern Oregon Peace Officers' association in Bend Friday night were Sheriff Syd I. Brown, Deputy Sheriff Bill Grenbemer, Constable Nick Young, City Police-men Joe Cave and Walter Reinking, State Policeman Al Stoehr and District Attorney Frank J. Newman.

Plane Passengers—Miss Ruth Luy and Kester Willard, traveling auditor of United Air Lines, left by Mainliner last evening for San Francisco. Mrs. M. T. Edwards arrived yesterday afternoon and leaving on the same plane were W. H. Horsley and Reginald H. Parsons, to Seattle, and J. H. Laughhead, to Chicago, via Portland. Mrs. Esther Church Leake, music supervisor in the Medford schools, and Miss Olive Curry, school nurse, returned by Mainliner yesterday forenoon from Great Falls, Mont., where they attended an educational conference, and Kester Willard arrived from Portland. W. H. Horsley arrived from San Francisco by Mainliner yesterday morning. C. R. Jackson arrived from Portland Friday midnight. Eino Hemmila, advertising manager of the George Hunt theaters, returned by Mainliner from Portland Friday evening. V. T. Truax of Grants Pass arrived from San Francisco Friday afternoon and Mrs. F. A. Tuchscher left on the same plane for Seattle.

Electric Fire—The fire department's chemical crew was called at 9:05 a. m. yesterday to put out a blaze in the electric wiring around the switch-box in the residence of H. C. Higgins, 712 West 11th street. Damage was confined to the switch-box, foremen reported.

Staff Disbanded—Last of the fire-fighting personnel to be retained on the Rogue River national forest completed the season's work yesterday. They were the lookout at Tallowbox and the protective assistant at the Star ranger station, both posts being in the Applegate district. The fire-fighting staff was reduced gradually as hazards diminished.

Fire at School—The fire department's chemical crew was called early last night to the senior high school where burning fuel backfired from the furnace into the sawdust hopper. There was considerable smoke but no damage was done. Edward Canoose, assistant fire chief, reported. Lack of draft caused the backfire, Mr. Canoose said.

Unit to Meet—Howard extension unit will meet in the home of Mrs. Edward Miller on the Old Pacific highway at 10 a. m. Thursday, November 2. Discussion subject will be "vegetable plate," Mrs. Miller being the leader. Members are asked to bring their own table service. Mothers bringing small children to the meeting must provide lunch for the youngsters, notice of the session said. There will be a girl present to take care of the children.

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To Texas—Mrs. June C. Johnson, prominent poetess and song writer whose home is in the Ruch district, left Thursday night by train for El Paso, Tex., where she will spend the winter.

To Klamath—Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Larsen and small son Teddy are spending the week-end in Klamath Falls visiting Mrs. Larsen's parents. The Larsens formerly resided in that city.

On Vacation—Joseph E. Barrett of 227 South Oakdale avenue and Harvey Stump of Route 2 left by motorcar yesterday for San Francisco on a fortnight's vacation. They planned to see the Golden Gate international exposition on Treasure island and other attractions in California.

To Organize—A class for the study of elementary theosophy will be organized Monday at 8 p. m. at 220 North Haven street. All persons interested are invited to attend. There are no dues connected with the organization. The Medford lodge of Theosophy public meeting will be held at 220 North Oakdale avenue Tuesday at 8 p. m. Topic will be "Education in the Light of Theosophy."

Guests Depart—Mr. and Mrs. Stanley G. Taggard of Berkeley, Cal., spent the week-end visiting at the home of Paul B. Newcomb here. Both the visitors are writers and in addition Mrs. Taggard is a musical instructor of prominence in Berkeley. Mrs. N. B. Newcomb, mother of Paul Newcomb and a sister of Mrs. Taggard, accompanied the guests as far south as Berkeley whence she continued to her home in Los Angeles. Mrs. Newcomb had spent the past two and a half months visiting her son here.

Receives Notice—Postmaster Frank DeSouza was in receipt yesterday of official notice of President Roosevelt's proclamation calling attention to Armistice Day, November 11, as a legal public holiday and asking that appropriate services be held in schools, churches and other suitable places. Mr. DeSouza was instructed to see that the national ensign is properly displayed at all government buildings November 11.

Airport Arrivals—Yesterday's arrivals at Medford municipal airport included Lieut. R. E. Schrock of the Washington national guard, en route from Sacramento, Cal., to Spokane in a North American observation plane; and Lieut. J. W. Chapman, from March field, Riverside, Cal., to Seattle in a Northrup attack plane. Three army pilots who arrived Friday and stayed here overnight continued their flights yesterday morning. Each piloting a Douglas observation plane, they were Lieuts. W. F. Stewart, R. W. Gustafson and H. E. Hammers, en route from Sacramento to their station at Fort Lewis, Wash.

SPRAGUE SPEAKER AT M'NARY RALLY

Portland, Oct. 28.—(P)—A. R. McKinley, president of the Oregon Charles McNary-for-President club, announced today a giant McNary rally would be held at the Municipal Auditorium here next Wednesday night. He said Governor Sprague and Republican state chairman Kern Crandell would be invited to speak.

TURKEYS HIT BY U-BOAT WARFARE

Portland, Oct. 28.—(P)—German submarine warfare has had something to do with the price slumps for Oregon turkeys. Trade experts here said curtailment of foreign shipping was already apparent. A number of vessels which usually took about a dozen carloads each trip have not been calling at New York. The demand continued here for hens at 18 cents a pound but there was little trade in toms at 15 to 16 cents.

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